

Health Services Definitions and Occupations:

This document contains health services definitions used by different government entities and professional organizations. These definitions were obtained through a search on the world wide web. In addition to the definitions, the matrix also includes occupations that fall under each definition as identified on the health websites where health service definitions were obtained.

Health Service:	Definitions:	Occupations:
Allied Health	1) Allied Health professionals are involved with the delivery of health or related services pertaining to the identification, evaluation and prevention of the diseases and disorders; dietary and nutrition services; rehabilitation and health systems management, among others. ⁵	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clinical Lab Assistant 2. Dental Assistant 3. Dental Health Aide Therapist 4. Dental Hygienist 5. Echocardiography Tech 6. EEG Technician 7. EKG Technician 8. EMT/ETT 9. Mammographer 10. Massage Therapist 11. Medical Assistant 12. Medical Lab Technician 13. Medical Technologist 14. MRI/CT Technician 15. Nuclear Medicine Tech 16. Paramedic 17. Pharmacy Technician 18. Phlebotomist 19. Physical Therapy Assistant 20. Radiologic Technician 21. Respiratory Therapist 22. Sonographer 23. Sterile Processing Technician 24. Surgical Technician/ Surgical Technologist¹¹ 25. Anesthesia Technician/Technologist 26. Anesthesiologist Assistant 27. Cardiovascular Technologist 28. Cytotechnologist 29. Diagnostic Medical Sonographer 30. Electroneurodiagnostic Technologist

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		31. Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic 32. Exercise Physiologist 33. Exercise Scientist 34. Kinesiotherapist 35. Lactation Consultant 36. Medical Assistant 37. Medical Illustrator 38. Orthotic and Prosthetic Practitioner 39. Perfusionist 40. Personal Fitness Trainer 41. Polysomnographic Tech 42. Recreational Therapist 43. Specialist in Blood Bank Technology 44. Surgical Assistant 45. Surgical Technologist ¹² 46. Dental Hygienists 47. Diagnostic medical sonographers 48. Dietitians 49. Medical Technologists 50. Occupational Therapists 51. Physical Therapists 52. Radiographers 53. Respiratory Therapists 54. Speech Language Pathologists ⁵
Behavioral Health	1) In psychology behavioral health, as a general concept, refers to the reciprocal relationship between human behavior, individually or socially, and the well-being of the body, mind, and spirit, whether the latter are considered individually or as an integrated whole. ⁶	1. Psychologist 2. Psychiatrist 3. Clinical Social Worker 4. Psychiatric Nurse Specialist 5. Marriage and Family Therapist ¹⁷
Health Information Technology	1) Health IT involves the exchange of health information in an electronic environment. Widespread use of the health IT within the health care industry will improve the quality of health care, prevent medical errors, reduce health care costs, increase administrative efficiencies, decrease paperwork and expand access to affordable health care. ¹⁸	1. Medical Transcriber 2. Medical Stenographer 3. Medical Secretaries 4. Medical Records Technicians

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	<p>2) Medical records and health information technicians assemble patients' health information including medical history, symptoms, examination results, diagnostic tests, treatment methods, and all other healthcare provider services. Technicians organize and manage health information data by ensuring its quality, accuracy, accessibility, and security. They regularly communicate with physicians and other healthcare professionals to clarify diagnoses or to obtain additional information.¹⁹</p>	<p>5. Medical Records Clerk 6. Health Information Management Technicians 7. Medical Secretary 8. Medical Coding Specialist 9. Health Information Coder 10. Medical Record Coder 11. Medical Insurance Specialist</p>
Mental Health	<p>1) A being of well-being in which the individual realizes his or her own abilities, can cope with the normal stresses of life, can work productively and fruitfully, and is able to make a contribution to his or her community.⁴</p> <p>2) A state of emotional and psychological well-being in which an individual is able to use his or her cognitive and emotional capabilities, function in society, and meet the ordinary demands of everyday life.⁹</p>	<p>1. Psychologist 2. Psychiatrist 3. Clinical Social Worker 4. Psychiatric Nurse Specialist 5. Marriage and Family Therapist¹⁷</p>
Oral Health	<p>1) Oral health is a state of being free from chronic mouth and facial pain, oral and throat cancer, oral sores, birth defects such as a cleft lip and palate, periodontal (gum) disease, tooth decay and tooth loss, and other diseases and disorders that affect the oral cavity. Risk factors for oral diseases include unhealthy diet, tobacco use, harmful alcohol use, and poor oral hygiene.⁴</p> <p>2) Oral hygiene is the practice of keeping the mouth clean and healthy by brushing and flossing to prevent tooth decay and gum disease.⁷</p> <p>3) The optimal state of the mouth and normal functioning of the organs of the mouth without evidence of the disease.⁸</p> <p>4) Oral health is defined as the freedom from diseases and disorders that affect the oral, dental and craniofacial tissues.¹⁰</p>	<p>1. Dentists 2. Registered Dental Hygienists 3. Registered Dental Hygienists in Alternative Practice 4. Registered Dental Hygienists in Extended Functions 5. Dental Assistants 6. Registered Dental Assistants 7. Registered Dental Assistants in Extended Functions 8. Orthodontic Assistants 9. Sedation Assistants 10. Promotors¹³</p>
Primary Care	<p>1) Primary Care is the provision of integrated, accessible health care services by clinicians who are accountable for addressing a large majority of personal health care needs, developing a sustained partnership with patients, and practicing in the context of family and community.³</p>	<p>1. Family Medicine 2. General Internal Medicine 3. Pediatrics 4. Nurse Practitioners 5. Physician Assistants¹⁶ 6. General Practice 7. Family Medicine</p>

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		8. Internal Medicine 9. Pediatrics 10. Gerontology 11. Obstetrics & Gynecology ¹⁷
Public Health	1) The science and art of preventing disease, prolonging life and promoting health through the organized efforts and informed choices of society, organizations, public and private, communities and individuals. ¹ 2) The art and science dealing with the protection and improvement of community health by organized community effort and including preventive medicine and sanitary and social science. ² 3) Public health is what we, as a society, do collectively to assure the conditions for people to be healthy. ³ 4) Public health is the science of protecting and improving the health of communities through education, promotion of healthy lifestyles, and research for disease and injury prevention. ¹⁴	1. Health Services Administration 2. Biostatistics 3. Epidemiology 4. Behavioral Health Sciences 5. Health Education 6. Environmental Health 7. Biomedical/Infectious Diseases 8. International Health 9. Nutrition 10. Maternal and Child Health ¹⁵

¹Wikipedia contributors. "Public Health." Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia. Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia, 9 Oct. 2010. Web. 14 Oct. 2010

²<http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/public+health>

³Institute of Medicine

⁴World of Health Organization

⁵The Association of Schools on Allied Health

⁶Wikipedia contributors. "Behavioral health." Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia. Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia, 4 Aug. 2010. Web. 14 Oct. 2010

⁷<http://medical-dictionary.thefreedictionary.com/Oral+health>

⁸http://www.biology-online.org/dictionary/oral_health

⁹<http://www.thefreedictionary.com/mental+health>

¹⁰U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Oral Health in America: A Report of the Surgeon General. Rockville, MD: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, National Institutes of Health, 2000 (Page 1)

¹¹http://acrh-ahc.uaa.alaska.edu/projects/pef/2009workforce09_appendix-a.pdf

¹²Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs

¹³California Dental Association

¹⁴<http://www.whatispublichealth.org/what/index/html>

¹⁵<http://career.berkeley.edu/healthcare/healthcare.stm#public>

¹⁶American Academy of Family Physicians

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¹⁷ OSHPD. Healthcare Workforce Development Division, Shortage Designation Program

¹⁸ <http://www.HHS.gov>

¹⁹ <http://www.bls.gov>